

WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2010
AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.**

WHEREAS, nurturing our children should be the highest priority of families, society and our City; and

WHEREAS, child abuse exacts an enormous toll on victims, neighborhoods, the justice system, education, medical and mental health care, and offends our personal moral codes; and

WHEREAS, there were 12,676 victims of child abuse in Utah in 2009 with 4,468 of them living in Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence child abuse is the most prevalent form in Utah, followed by sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, it behooves everyone to become educated about the issue of child abuse and neglect, and involve themselves in working to reduce and prevent its occurrence in order to build stronger, healthier communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Winder, Mayor of West Valley City, Utah, do hereby proclaim April, 2010 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in West Valley City. I commend programs in our community that work to serve youth, promote awareness and improve the safety and well being of children. I encourage residents of West Valley to be involved in helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

WEST VALLEY CITY

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER